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Capital at Bellary.

475 Q.—Mr. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR : " To ask the Hon'ble the Minister for Local Self-Government to state—

(*a*) whether the extensions and improvements to the hospital at Bellary, referred to in the answer given by Government to question No. 248, dated 14th February 1921 (put at the meeting of the Legislative Council of that date), have been completed, or are still in progress ;

(*b*) in the latter case, how long will it take for the improvements to be completed ; and

(*c*) when the Government are likely to establish the promised medical school at Bellary.

A—(*a*) & (*b*) The extensions and improvements referred to have not been commenced. They form part of a general scheme of improvements to headquarter hospitals, a programme of which is being drawn up by the Surgeon-General. The scheme can only be worked out gradually with reference to the comparative urgency of the needs of the several hospitals and the amount of funds available.

(*c*) The Government are not in a position to give a definite answer at present.

Irrigation projects in Bellary district.

476 Q.—Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" To ask the Hon'ble the Revenue Member to state—

(*a*) what irrigation projects have been so far investigated in the Bellary district, and have not been abandoned ;

(*b*) how many, and which of them, are productive works, and what is their estimated cost and probable return ;

(*c*) how many and which of them are protective works, and what is their estimated cost and return ;

(*d*) the irrigation projects the investigation of which is in progress, and the probable dates by which their investigation would be completed ; and

(*e*) the irrigation projects the investigation of which is yet to be taken up.

A.—A statement giving the information as far as traceable is laid on the table.*

Loans under Land Improvement Act and Agricultural Loans Act.

477 Q.—Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" To ask the Hon'ble the Revenue Member to state talukwar—

(*a*) the total amount for which applications for loans under the Land Improvement Act and the Agricultural Loans Act were received from the ryots of the Bellary, Siruguppa, Adōni, Alur and Rayadrug taluks of the Bellary district during the months of October to February 1921, respectively ; and

(*b*) the total amounts disbursed under the two Acts during the above months.

A —The Government have no information.

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" The answer to the question is that the Government have no information. We want to get the information and to say that they have no information is helpless. Would they obtain the information?"

The Hon'ble Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD HABIB-UL-LAH SAHIB Bahadur :—" The Government have really no information because all the loans are sanctioned by the Collector. If the member insists on my calling on the Collector to send a tabular statement, I have no objection to do so."

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* Vide Appendix III on page 932 infra.